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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— May 2006

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to May 2006 from—	
	May 2005	Nov. 2005	May 2006	May 2005	Nov. 2005
1. Piece Goods	487.9	480.6	473.3	-3.0	-1.5
2. Domestics and Draperies	533.8	508.2	491.1	-8.0	-3.4
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	666.7	684.7	712.4	6.9	4.0
4. Men's Shoes	878.3	868.9	888.9	1.2	2.3
5. Infants' Wear	572.5	564.1	569.7	-0.5	1.0
6. Women's Underwear	544.1	548.8	550.4	1.2	0.3
7. Women's Hosiery	343.1	339.8	348.7	1.6	2.6
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	594.1	582.1	566.6	-4.6	-2.7
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	366.8	368.3	366.7	0.0	-0.4
10. Men's Clothing	563.9	542.1	541.5	-4.0	-0.1
11. Men's Furnishings	585.5	574.9	573.0	-2.1	-0.3
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	431.0	403.5	410.8	-4.7	1.8
13. Jewelry	892.1	861.4	890.8	-0.1	3.4
14. Notions	811.0	803.1	805.7	-0.7	0.3
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	999.7	1001.0	997.0	-0.3	-0.4
16. Furniture and Bedding	606.8	596.7	604.8	-0.3	1.4
17. Floor Coverings	599.4	612.3	605.9	1.1	-1.0
18. Housewares	716.6	701.9	695.9	-2.9	-0.9
19. Major Appliances	204.5	204.3	204.5	0.0	0.1
20. Radio and Television	39.5	38.1	36.6	-7.3	-3.9
21. Recreation and Education ¹	78.5	77.6	76.9	-2.0	-0.9
22. Home Improvements ¹	136.5	137.2	139.6	2.3	1.7
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	114.6	116.5	119.8	4.5	2.8
1-15. Soft Goods	568.3	561.0	563.0	-0.9	0.4
16-20. Durable Goods	382.3	376.2	373.9	-2.2	-0.6
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	93.2	93.1	93.6	0.4	0.5
Store Total ²	501.5	495.4	496.3	-1.0	0.2

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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